

MH 403
History of Medicine
March 28 – April 20, 2005
The Brody School of Medicine - East Carolina University
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Time: 8:30-11:00 am

Room: EW-204

Text: Jacalyn Duffin, History of Medicine, A Scandously Short Introduction (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999).

- Requirements:
- 1) Regular class attendance. (Department of Medical Humanities **attendance policy** for M-4 Selectives: two or more absences will affect your grade. Students who miss three sessions must, at the discretion of the instructor, write a compensatory paper on a mutually agreed upon topic. Students who miss one-half the course sessions will fail.)
 - 2) Informed (by the assigned readings) participation in classroom discussions.
 - 3) A brief oral research report to the group on a landmark article, classic description of a disease, eponym, or classic description of a clinical sign in medicine. You may use the web for some of your research, but you must also use print resources in the Health Sciences Library. *You should also use Chapters 1, 15 and the appendices of the textbook for more information on how to approach the topic.*

You must turn in a brief bibliography of the sources you used at the time you present your report.

Schedule:

Monday
March 28

Session 1

- Chapter 1: “Introduction: Heroes and Villains in the History of Medicine”
Chapter 2: “The Fabricated Body: History of Anatomy”
Chapter 15: “Sleuthing and Science: How to Research a Question in Medical History”
Appendix A: “The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 1901-1998”
Appendix B: “Resources and Research Tools for the History of Medicine”

Wednesday
March 30

Session 2

Chapter 3: “Interrogating Life: History of Physiology”
Chapter 4: “Science of Suffering: History of Pathology”

Perspectives Lecture Series: Mary Ellen Wojtasiewicz, R.N., Ph.D.,
The Department of Medical Humanities, The Brody School of
Medicine at ECU presenting, “The Hospital and Its Publics:
Constructing an Institutional Image, 1900-1950,” 12:30 p.m., 2E-100

Monday
April 4

Session 3

Chapter 5: “First Do No Harm: History of Pharmacology”
Chapter 6: “On Being a Doctor: History of Health-Care Delivery”

Wednesday
April 6

Session 4

Chapter 7: “Plagues and Peoples: Epidemic Diseases in History”
Chapter 8: “Why is Blood Special? Changing Concepts of a Vital Humour”

Monday
April 11

Session 5

Chapter 9: “Technology and Disease: The Stethoscope and Physical Diagnosis”
Chapter 10: “Work of the Hand: History of Surgery”

Wednesday
April 13

Session 6

Chapter 11: “Women’s Medicine and Medicine’s Women: History of Obstetrics
and Gynecology”
Chapter 12: “Wrestling with Demons: History of Psychiatry”

Monday
April 18

Session 7

Chapter 13: “No Baby, No Nation: History of Pediatrics”
Chapter 14: “A Many-Faceted Gem: Decline and Rebirth of Family Medicine”

Tuesday
April 19

Medical History Interest Group, Brody 3E-120, 4-5 p.m.
(Program will be on the Country Doctor Museum)

Wednesday
April 20

Session 8

Field trip to Country Doctor Museum

Friday
April 22

Perspectives Lecture Series: Greg Mitman, Ph.D., Department of Medical History
and Bioethics, University of Wisconsin Medical School, presenting “Cockroaches,
Housing and Race: A History of Asthma and Urban Ecology in America,”
12:30 p.m. Brody 2E-100